work, since the Government is getting down a retired Engineer from Travancore, where it exists.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government accepts the resolution. The Chief Engineer is working it up.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If the Chief Engineer has taken up the work, I have nothing to say. I had actually to suffer.

3. Members of the Standing Finance Committee.

(*Mr. K. T. Mathew being absent, the following three resolutions were considered withdrawn:—*

"*This Council requests the Government to reduce the number of the official Members of the Standing Finance Committee to two and increase the number of non-official Members to four.*"

4. Model Agricultural Farms.

"*This Council requests the Government to open model agricultural farms in every taluk from the beginning of next year.*"

5. Property Qualification for Election to Panchayats.

"*This Council recommends to the Government to abolish immediately the property qualification required for candidates standing for election to the Village Panchayats.*")

6. Lapsing of allotments.

Deputy President.—The next item of business is the resolution standing in the name of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, the resolution which I have tabled to-day reads thus :—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that allotments which have received budget sanction for any work should not be allowed to lapse ; but if they lapse under any unavoidable circumstances, such amounts should be kept in suspense and be utilised for that work only in the succeeding year.*"

The resolution is very clear; and I am not going to make any long speech. Large sums of money are spent for investigation, etc., and Government have given budget sanction for some works. For some reason or other, such works are not taken up, and the amounts allotted lapse. If they lapse, sometimes such works are not taken up again next year. Such being the case, I have brought this resolution to the notice of the Council.

Mr. E Ikkanda Wariar.—I second the resolution.

Mr K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to oppose this resolution.

Even now allotments for works are not generally allowed to lapse, but for circumstances unforeseen at the time of the bud-

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get preparation. If such allotments are to be credited to suspense head at the end of the year, it can be done only by debiting the amounts to the proper service heads. This would mean the debit of the amount before the work is actually done, which is defective from an account point of view. The system would involve complicated procedure of allocation when the expenditure is actually incurred in the succeeding year or years. So far as I am aware, such a system does not also seem to prevail anywhere else. For such works, which are ascertained at the time of preparation of the budget, to be not possible of being taken up in any particular year, necessary provision can be and is made in the budget of the succeeding year as far as possible. In order to avoid lapse of the grant in any year for any work, transfer of grant is made for other works of more or less urgent nature. The proposal to keep the amounts in suspense seems quite undesirable.

Again, some work, which has been provided in the budget, may later be found not urgent or necessary, and the allotment provided for it may have to be transferred for some urgent work, not anticipated in the budget. In some cases there will be savings in the provision made, and in some necessity may arise for excess, which could be met by transfer. If the resolution is accepted, such transfers cannot be made. The result will be that funds would be unnecessarily locked up, and with the limited resources of the State it would be impossible to find funds often for works of an urgent and important nature, while funds would be lying idle in other directions. The above is the case with the grants for works under surplus or balanced budgets. But when it comes to the question of deficit budgets, the system of keeping grants under suspense will work too hard on the administration of any State. The acceptance of the resolution does not seem possible in the circumstances explained.

As for the transfer, I have already made a statement yesterday. It seems to be convenient as to the necessity of transfers.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—That is with regard to the latter part of the resolution. As to the former part that difficulty does not hold.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In Panchayats?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In spite of anybody it lapses.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—On account of the lack of enterprise on the part of the Panchayatdars, the works are not executed in time, so that the money may be withdrawn in time. That is one point, and there are also certain works for which sums may be budgetted. For no reason that may not be taken up. I know one or two instances. Allotted funds were allowed to

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lapse in 1007 and 1098 for certain necessary works in Cranganur. They were not executed, and the reason for that, from what I understand, is that the Overseer did not prepare the estimate and plans in time.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—When in the budget sums are allotted for works, the intention is to carry them out. But there are practical difficulties.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—In some cases the practical difficulties are only imaginary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With the leave of the Council, I beg to withdraw the resolution.

Deputy President.—The question before the House is whether leave may be granted to the mover of the resolution to withdraw the same.

(The question was put to the vote and carried.)

7. Canal between Palathode and Karuvannur Bridge to Cherpu Lake.

Deputy President.—The next item of business is the resolution standing in the name of Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know which scheme has been taken up by the officer for investigation?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No particular resolution, any amendment which is more feasible and less expensive.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The object is the same. It requires technical knowledge. So I do not wish to move the resolution.

(Hence the following resolution and amendment were considered withdrawn:—

(5) Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—*"This Council recommends to the Government that, in view of the fact that thousands of poor ryots living in the vast areas in the south of the Kurumali—Karuvannur rivers are subjected to great losses and sufferings from the successive failure of crops due to frequent floods in this region, immediate steps to be taken to open a canal from anywhere between Palathode, i. e., the junction of the rivers Manali and Kurumali, and Karuvannur bridge to Cherpu Lake, which alone will prevent the recurrence of floods in the above-mentioned region."*

Amendment to the above Resolution by Mr. C. A. Ouseph.'

"Insert 'either' between 'taken' and 'to open'; omit all the words after 'Cherpu Lake' and add instead 'or to do such other works as would effectively check the recurrence of floods and consequent losses and sufferings in the above-mentioned region."

(The House adjourned at 3-17 p. m.)

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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